

**MARTINSVILLE COMMON COUNCIL
MARTINSVILLE INDIANA
MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016**

Mayor Shannon Kohl called the Martinsville Common Council to order on Monday, May 16, 2016. Councilman Ben Merida then led those in attendance in opening prayer followed by the Mayor's leading attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

THOSE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Shannon Kohl, Mayor
Terry Buster, District 1
Ben Merida, District 2
Mike Lanam, District 3
Chip Keller, District 4
Phil Deckard II, District 5
Eric Bowlen, Councilman-at-Large
David Trout, Councilman-at-Large
Dale Coffey, City Attorney
Rick Lange, Chief of Police
Valerie Hugart, Clerk-Treasurer
Becky Tumey, 1st Deputy Clerk
Frank Lane, DPW

A quorum was declared present.

MINUTES

Action on the Minutes of May 2, 2016 was tabled until June 6, 2016.

MAYOR'S REPORT

May 16 – May 20, 2016 is Beautify Martinsville Week. Areas to be cleaned up include the downtown as well nearby streets. Gloves, shovel, trash bags, etc. will be provided. Volunteers are encourage to join in, weather permitting, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Also, during Beautify Martinsville Week, residents will be allowed to dump up to a ton of bulks items at the Transfer Station for \$20.00. Proof of residency is required.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks Department – DPW Frank Lane distributed packets of photos taken of the Jimmy Nash City Park office, pool and vehicles. Frank headed up a cleaning crew and removed 600 pounds of debris and trash from the office and vehicles. Brad Bales, recently hired to oversee the parks, reported he had been under the house (that serves as the Park office) and found mold and termites. Regarding the pool, it will open on time for the summer season. Brad explained the grating around the pool was improperly installed and will need a permanent fix to prevent further damage. He recommended Sphere Company coming back in the fall to install stainless fixtures that will include screws and angle supports. It will take about \$22,000.00 to complete the repairs. An electrical hazard was discovered at the Splash Pad. It has been hard-wired into the breaker box. That has been corrected and is now safe. All of the steps on the big hill have been removed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2016 – 1717 Establishing Fund 257 / LOIT Special Distribution –

Council President Eric Bowlen presented the ordinance to establish Fund 257. This fund is required by the State to receive a one-time LOIT Special Distribution. Also, the State requires 75% of the distribution to be placed in the fund. The remaining 25% can be placed in a home-rule fund, general or Rainy Day. This ordinance allows for \$654,333.07 to be credited to Fund 257 and \$218,111.02 to be credited to Rainy Day. A motion was made by Councilman Terry Buster to accept the ordinance as written. This was seconded by Councilman David Trout. The Motion passes 7-0.

Mayor Kohl has completed a federal grant application that will match Fund 257 80/20. These monies must be spent on streets, sidewalks and curbs. Councilman Ben Merida made the motion for the City to apply for an additional appropriation so that repairs of our streets and sidewalks can begin as soon as possible. This was seconded by Councilman Terry Buster. The Motion passes 7-0.

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Police Chief Rick Lang – Bed Bugs – Chief Lang talked of the risk City Officers face concerning bed bugs. He went on to say other city-workers are at risk also. He presented an idea to the Council that includes a type of insurance that is available. This would include an inspection of a city employee's home by a specially trained K-9. If the dwelling is clear, a policy would be available at an estimated cost of \$300.00 per year. He asked if Council would consider making this a benefit. The Council requested quotes from other companies. And, the Council will consider this request as the 2017 Budget is created.

CLAIMS

A motion to accept the claims as reported was made by Eric Bowlen. Councilman Ben Merida seconded the motion. The Motion passes 7-0. Councilman Chip Keller abstained on claims from Keller Office Supply.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilman David Trout made the motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Councilman Eric Bowlen. The Motion passes 7-0.

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ATTEST:

Rebecca Tumey, 1st Deputy Clerk-Treasurer